

A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

08-O-2154

AS AMENDED

BY COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES FOR THE
MAYOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND CITY
COUNCILMEMBERS FOR THE TERMS OF OFFICE
BEGINNING JANUARY 4, 2010; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta Elected Officials Compensation Commission (the “Commission”) was created pursuant to Section 2-701 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Commission was most recently populated in 2007 in accordance with Section 2-702 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Commission spent numerous hours conducting surveys regarding the salaries of elected officials in cities similar to Atlanta in terms of population and governmental structure, interviewing City of Atlanta elected officials, discussing and debating the issue of salaries for elected officials of the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on May 13, 2008 at 6:00 p. m. as required by Section 2-703 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has completed its task and on October 29, 2008, submitted its report and recommendations to the Mayor, Council President, City Councilmembers and the members of the Atlanta Board of Education, regarding the amount of compensation which it deems appropriate for the Mayor, Council President, City Councilmembers and members of the Atlanta Board of Education, which was at least one year prior to the next regular municipal election as prescribed in Section 2-703 of the Charter (Note: The Commission revised two (2) pages of its report on November 17, 2008 to correct a computation error); and

WHEREAS, any action by the City Council resulting in a salary change shall not become effective until the date of commencement of the terms of office of the officials elected at the next regular municipal election following the date of any such action; and

WHEREAS, the current salaries for the Mayor, Council President and City Councilmembers, set in 2005, are \$147,500.00, \$41,000.00 and \$39,473.00, respectively; and

“WHEREAS, the Commission selected ten cities for comparison to the existing salaries of the Atlanta City Council Members; and

WHEREAS, although the Commission made no salary recommendation for the next City Council Members, it calculated the average salary among the eleven cities (includes Atlanta) as \$50,205.00; and”

WHEREAS, in its deliberation of this ordinance, the Atlanta City Council, has taken into consideration, the report and recommendations of the Commission regarding the salaries which it deems appropriate for the Mayor, Council President, and City Councilmembers who will take office on January 4, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA that the following salaries are hereby adopted for elected officials of the City of Atlanta, Georgia for the terms of office beginning January 4, 2010.

The current salaries as set forth below:

Mayor	\$147,500.00
Council President	\$41,000.00
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shall remain in effect until such time as the city’s financial situation has improved to the point that in the first available city fiscal year future budget during the term of office beginning January 4, 2010, an across the board increase for all general fund employees, is adopted and approved by the City Council and the Mayor. Should such an across the board increase for all general fund employees be adopted and approved as set forth herein, then and at that time, the salaries of the elected officials of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, shall be increased to the following amounts:

Mayor	\$172,575.00
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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

AMENDMENT FORM

COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE I. D. # 08-O-2154

DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2008

INITIAL: 

AMENDMENT:

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Atlanta City Council

SPECIAL SESSION

08-O-2154

ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES OF MAYOR,
PRESIDENT, COUNCILMEMBERS FOR 2010
REFER/COC

YEAS: 12
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 2

B Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Hall	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	B Muller	NV Sheperd	NV Borders

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